

## A week of awareness

BY MASHA SKVIRTCHAK

Although the current political situation in some Islamic countries is unstable, UTM's Muslim Student Association (MSA) is working towards motivating the student body to learn more about the Islam world. Last week, for a period of three consecutive days, the MSA celebrated the Islam Awareness Week in the Student Center. The goal of this event was to raise awareness on the principles of life, Islamic contributions to the Western world and other aspects of this culture.

Each day of the event held a different theme. Tuesday, for instance, was responsible for Islamic History. The information, shown in the course of the event, was carefully researched by the MSA members and presented through visual aids. Participating students were given cards, consisting of five questions, which were based on the information presented by the MSA. If questions were answered correctly, students were given free slices of pizza.

To aid in finding the right information, volunteers and members of the MSA walked around the Student Center guiding the students towards different sections and answered any questions that students might have had in regards to the Islamic history. When asked about the purpose of such an event, Ashiq Alibhai, MSA member and second year computer science student said,

"We want to raise awareness. A lot of people have misconceptions about Islam."

Wednesday's theme was Life and Death. Students were given the opportunity to learn about Islamic views on these two topics. MSA members presented the students with information on how life in Muslim cultures was celebrated and the significance death

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#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It doesn't look like the ECSU board of directors has much unity."  
- SAC board of director, Walied Khogali

## The Way You Move



photo/Mehraan Pavri

Three dancers in last week's 'His and Hers' fashion show strut their stuff for the show's Saturday night finale. Read the full story on page 4.

## Students question ECSU at Annual General Meeting

BY ADRIAN BAREK

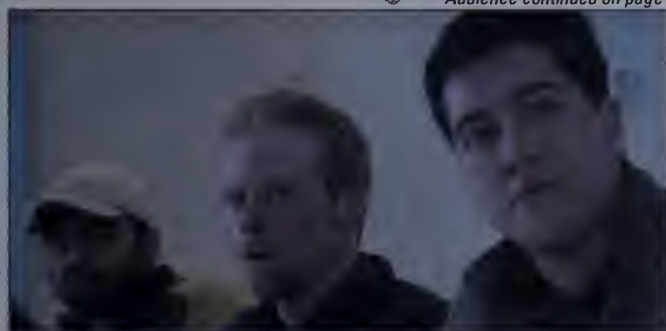
Although it was meant to review the past, much discussion was focused on the future of the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) when it hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Wednesday. With ECSU elections looming on the horizon, statements made by both ECSU directors and audience members reflected the upcoming election and the candidates running in it.

The AMG is meant to give ECSU a chance to tell its members what it has accomplished over the past year while giving its members a chance to ask any questions about the council's operations. Additionally, ECSU presents its audited financial statements at the meeting.

For the meeting, ECSU executives and directors sat in a row at the front of the Student Centre board room. The entire ECSU council was present, included President Adil F. Mirza, VP Finance Sean O'Connell, VP Administration Pooja Jadwani, Clubs Commissioner Jon Lee, College Affairs Commissioner Melissa Shaw, Special Projects Coordinator Jason Borchenko, Services Coordinator Katherine Kormos, and two Advertising Coordinators, Dana Kawar and Ryan Carol.

The meeting began with each director making a short speech about what work they have accomplished this year. While most ECSU executives and directors had positive things to say

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Grilled by audience members are, from left: Mirza, O'Connell, and Borchenko.

## ECSU's future leaders speak at candidates forum

BY ADRIAN BAREK

It seemed appropriate that the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) held their All Candidates Forum in the Blind Duck Pub last Thursday as one of the most common points of discussion was the pub itself. At the forum, candidates running in the ECSU election got a chance to voice their campaign platforms to an audience of politically inclined students and pub patrons.

The Chief Returning Officer (CRO) of the election, Amy Richardson, opened the forum by laying down the ground rules and introducing each candidate. From there, each of the seven candidates was given a few minutes to convince students to vote for them based on their past experience and future plans if elected.

The majority of the candidates are fresh faces to the ECSU scene. Sean O'Connell and Jason Borchenko are the only ECSU veterans running in the election. Both are running for President. Newcomers Nadine Chandoo, Eric Palmitesta, and Domenic Lee are all running for the position of VP Finance. Lee was absent from the forum, however, and was later overheard saying that he had slept in. Lastly, Amanda Walker and Dana Kawar are each running for Advertising Coordinator. In addition to

the candidates, two acclaimed ECSU members spoke at the forum. Vineela Kotharu and Zeeshan Baig were acclaimed to the positions of Clubs' Commissioner and VP Administration, respectively.

After each candidate and the two acclaimed directors had given their brief speech, a lengthy question and answer period ensued. Much talk was made of increasing clubs funding and decreasing the expenses incurred by the Blind Duck Pub.

Baig stated that he plans to increase the transparency of ECSU since they "have nothing to hide." He also made reference to shuffling around ECSU's finances because "ECSU has more money but SAC has had more events and given more money to clubs."

Food service was another issue raised. Specifically, the take over of the pub's food service from Aramark by ECSU next year was cited as a potential way to increase revenues of the pub. When discussing the dire financial situation of the pub, several candidates mentioned getting rid of the pub rental fee, an idea that some pub employees later stated would not solve the pub's financial woes.

Residence students especially may be especially receptive to an idea put forth by Palmitesta for a "tuck shop"

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# Fashion for him and her

BY ADRIAN BAREK

Battle of the sexes was the theme at the 6th Annual Charity Fashion Show held at the Blind Duck Pub last Thursday. Everything from pink and blue spotlights to cross-dressing models carried the theme of boys and girls. The title of the show, 'His and Hers' set the tone for the gender-bending performances to come.

A common sight throughout the show was females dressed up with suits and ties traditionally worn by men. As well, to the upbeat sounds of 'Hey Ya', a troupe of guys danced and bounced around stage wearing mini-skirts, bras, and see-through tops.

The event was put together by The Erindale Filipino Students Association (EFSA) in collaboration with Style and Profile (SAP) and Caribbean Connections. It featured a wide variety of audio and visual effects including spot lights, a video screen, recorded music, choreographed dance, a live rock band, a live hip-hop performance, and of course, models strutting their stuff.

The ears of the audience were treated to music by Outkast, Black Eyed Peas, Beyonce, Justin Timberlake, Jay-Z, Mya, Evanescence, Britney Spears and others. The show also featured a wide variety of dance styles including hip hop, salsa, cha cha, break dancing, gymnastics, samba and several blended styles. Among the sponsors who allowed their clothes to be showcased were International Clothiers, The One Clothing Co., Independent, Guess, Unicus, Parasuco, MissThio, Fairweather, and Stitches. Tags hung noticeably from some of the clothes.

The show played three nights, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and all

money raised was donated to the Peel Region HIV/AIDS Network. According to one organizer, the total amount raised from ticket sales to be donated to charity is "at least \$4000."

According to one organizer, third year CCIT student Reggie Lamaza, the show got better with every night.

"When the show started on Thursday the crowd wasn't into it. But as the Friday and Saturday shows came, the crowd got better and better," he said. "I think that happened because the models' performances got better and better as they built more confidence. The last night was my favourite."

Audience members seemed uniformly impressed by the show.

"I thought it was well done. It had good choreography and there was great energy and action in the show," Christopher Sadowsky, a third year political science student said.

A senseless act of mischief that could easily have killed the show on Friday has little effect on the enthusiastic crowd. A false fire alarm pulled on Friday during the second last scene cause the evacuation of 300 people. Despite the untimely interruption, everyone in the audience returned to watch the last act of the show. With sensitive sound and light equipment knocked offline by the fire alarm, a temporary solution of a CD player hooked up to an amplifier was used so the show could go on.

"My favourite part of the show was that this year, the two clubs involved, EFSA and SAP, who have had a bad history, came together to put on a great show. Everyone had fun, we went out Saturday night and partied and it just shows that anything is possible," said another organizer, third year CCIT student, Ceri Salib.

# ECSU election committee criticized

BY ADRIAN BAREK

With campaigning for the upcoming Erindale Council Student Union (ECSU) election in full swing, criticisms have surfaced about how the student government runs the election. At the heart of the criticism is the ECSU elections committee, which some say is a source of bias and conflicts of interest.

The election is governed by Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Amy Richardson, and her assistant, Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) Tom Krebs. These two figures moderate meetings and forums, approve all campaign materials, and may fine or disqualify candidates if they do not follow proper election procedure. If a candidate wishes to petition a decision made by the CRO, they may appeal it to the elections committee.

If a candidate makes an appeal, the committee listens to arguments from both the CRO and the appealing candidate. The CRO and candidate are then dismissed and the committee votes on whether to overrule the CRO's decision or let it stand. In most meetings of the elections committee, the chair serves only as a moderator and has no vote or influence on the committee's decision. In the case that the committee votes result in a tie, however, the chair shall make the deciding vote.

At both the ECSU Annual General Meeting (AGM) and All Candidates Forum held last week, the issue of a lack of impartiality in the election committee was voiced by members of the Students' Administrative Council (SAC). Among their complaints was that Adil F. Mirza, the current president of ECSU, is chair of the elections committee and is not performing this duty in an impartial manner. Speaking after the forum last Thursday, recently elected SAC VP UTM, Moneeza Ahmed detailed her concerns.

"Usually I would not see a conflict of interest in having the president as the chair of the elections committee as this happens

in a lot of student societies," Ahmed said. "I see this as a conflict of interest because he (Mirza) is known verbally to bash one of the presidential candidates who is not his friend. Bashing and discriminating against a presidential candidate just shows you the lack of impartiality in the elections committee chair (Mirza)."

Mirza responded to these concerns by denying any favouritism among presidential candidates and insisting that his role as chair of the committee has been an impartial one.

"I challenge anybody to point out where I have not been impartial in my role as the chair of the elections committee. I would like to hear some sort of proof that I verbally bashed (presidential candidate) Jason Borchenko. I do not feel that I have in any way made any judgement about who should be elected as president," Mirza said.

Paul Sorensen is a former UTM student who now studies political science at the St. George campus. Asked whether he saw a conflict of interest in having Mirza as the elections committee chair, Sorensen responded,

"I think that it would definitely be better if the committee could be formed where the parties making the decisions were not friends with or directly involved in the situation being addressed. I think it might be a conflict of interest but it is hard to say. It would be better if they could avoid having him involved. It seems to me that you could easily form a committee that would be made up of non-partisan people. Not that he is necessarily going to be making any decisions based on friendships, but it is possible that he would."

Regardless of Mirza's level of bias, if any, he is performing his role as chair of the committee in accordance with ECSU policy. The ECSU Elections Policy Manual states that, "The chair (of the elections committee) is the current ECSU president who chairs the committee meetings and only votes in the case of a tie."

The chair of the elections committee is not the only source of controversy surrounding the ECSU election. Both Richardson (CRO) and Krebs (DRO) are employees of the Blind Duck Pub. The pub is owned and operated by ECSU, and some believe that having employees of ECSU running their election constitutes a conflict of interest.

"The CRO and DRO work at the pub and I find that to be a conflict of interest because we are questioning the impartiality of the elections committee and its chair," Ahmed said. "The chair may coerce the CRO and DRO to make decisions that could unfairly benefit one candidate. That is why I find that to be a conflict of interest. Since they work at the pub, their job or their pay cheque may be on the line if they make the wrong decision."

Asked whether working at the pub and acting as the CRO could lead to unfair rulings, Richardson responded by pointing out that whether or not she works for the pub, she is employed and paid by ECSU to perform her CRO duties.

"As far as me working for ECSU, as a CRO I work for ECSU and they sign my pay cheque. Regardless that I work for ECSU in other factions, I'm still ultimately working for ECSU (as the CRO)," Richardson said. "I don't how that argument (about conflict of interest) can hold water because regardless of what aspect I work for ECSU, whether it be the pub, the info booth or anything else, I'm still working for them as CRO."

Richardson also pointed out that she cannot vote on the elections committee, and thus any decisions made by her can be overruled. This knowledge is not enough to convince some on campus that the election is free from bias.

"Even if they are not voting members (of the elections council), the CRO and DRO have a say as to what is going on. In my opinion it is biased," Nida Shams, a recently elected SAC board of director said.

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'Duck man' drowns?

A few weeks back, I was scolded for making brash comments about political antics during election time. I loosely accused politicians of 'lying' or making promises that are not executed during their tenure. How could I have made such a statement without verifying my facts? Bad editor, bad.

The Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) held its annual AGM and Candidates Forum – a chance for UTM to 'drill' current and future candidates. The one question that remains unanswered is 'why should UTM elect a certain individual as President, if he's 'failed' to fulfill his duties as Special Projects Director (SPD)?'

Let's briefly take a look back into time. During his campaign for SPD last year, Jason 'Duck Man' Borchenko vowed to create excitement on campus by which the pub 'will no longer be that lame duck we all ignore.' He claimed that his involvement on the Erindale College Council and Academic Affairs Council demonstrated his organization and talent. In his blurb in the Medium, Borchenko stated: "I'm planning to make the pub more accessible by reducing rental fees not only for clubs but resident (sic) as well." "I intend to take student appreciation days and make them more than free pizza by putting the focusing (sic) on presenters like bag-o-trix and social welfare/environmental events. This combined with a working relationship with SAC and SC events will make every event on campus memorable and well-organized."

The events were quite memorable, because I don't recall any of them. Honestly, how difficult is it to select a pub theme, and plan a creative event around that theme? Or to pick up the phone to order one hundred party sized pizzas?

Instead, Borchenko wanted to be frugal ... he informed the rest of ECSU that he'd scrap the monthly Student Appreciation Days and allocate the money to execute student events instead. Whatever happened to those events? They must have been pretty 'memorable' because students can't seem to remember them. Borchenko should have used his experience on ECSU and as SPD to prepare him for the challenges and experiences as President. He had difficulty justifying his role as SPD because he didn't fulfill his responsibilities. Instead he pointed his finger at the rest of the council. How does he intend to exercise his power if he's elected as President? Will he take a passive approach like he has in his current role? Perhaps there was miscommunication between Borchenko and the rest of the council. Why didn't he seek the help and guidance from the other members when they offered their services?

"I feel it rightly so (that I was questioned). I feel people have every right to grill ECSU on what they have done this year because I think as a whole, including myself, better things could have happened." Where was the initiative and team spirit to make things happen?

How does Borchenko expect to become an effective President?

UTM needs real leadership

Dear Editor,

I'm not writing to cry about the acclaimed positions at UTM nor am I writing to whine about how SAC commission members are running for positions on campus. I'm not writing to suggest student leaders for next year are one big clique either.

It is about time that we had real leadership on campus. In my three years at UTM, I've seen our student leaders bickering with each other, refusing to work together for the betterment of this campus. As a result, we are overrun with problems and are in the position of digging ourselves out of a deep, dark hole.

As a SAC Commission member last year, I can confidently say that I speak for us all when I say we are frustrated on how student leaders have been running things. Particularly those who've been in leadership positions for years and watched passively as study space disappeared, food quality decreased and incidental fees increased. You can, however, look forward to next year, our team of "super dedicated individuals" will do our best and work for UTM students.

I can assure you that the students acclaimed as directors for SAC next year are people who will work tirelessly for UTM. Your VP UTM Moneeza Ahmed also knows her stuff and will give 110 per cent to UTM, as she has done this past year as a director. The future ECSU members are a great team and will not sit down and watch our campus go to the dogs. Your UTMAC directors are superb

individuals who are extremely dedicated and will be sure we don't get ignored or taken advantage of yet again.

As the future VP-Admin for UTMAC, I feel I need to set some points straight on behalf of my council. Contrary to what many people have stated in past articles, the acclaimed VP Finance for the upcoming year has no affiliation with SAC whatsoever. Also, the accusations being made that UTMAC is fully composed of SAC commission members is ridiculous. The only UTMAC members for next year who are also on the SAC commission are myself and Danial Raza, the other 6 out of 8 positions are people with little or no affiliation with SAC. I can also assure you that the team that will be running UTMAC next year is superb, as I have seen by having already begun working with them for next year.

I suggest that instead of spending time writing to *the Medium* and complaining about what is going around campus these days and baselessly putting these people down, get-up and do something about it. Get your facts straight. At least SAC has something to brag about, and soon, UTM students will also. With the experience we have for next year, we now have student leaders who will work to make a difference and make UTM a better campus for all.

Sincerely,

Nazia S. Khan

SAC UTM Commission 2003-2004

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Medium Cartoonist Gone Mad?

The 2nd Large regrets that there is no editorial cartoon this week. Erick Fournier, cartoonist (as shown in this picture) for the 2nd Large has been locked up indefinitely. Sources say he even made his own straight-jacket. We'll miss you Erick!

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UTM responds to ECSU Forum

Dear Editor,

I am writing this article in response to the ECSU forum that was recently held this past Thursday. I am horribly perturbed at the disgraceful innuendoes constantly directed at one of the presidential candidates, Sean O'Connell.

It was "implied" in a manner of words that O'Connell is prejudice and holds certain opinions about select groups of students. Those who know O'Connell realize the allegations don't hold any merit. I have had the pleasure of working with O'Connell over the course of this year with relation to the pub and volunteered time on ECSU. He has to be the most straightforward open-minded guy I know and for anyone to say differently shows their total ignorance of the true person that O'Connell is.

Anywhere that O'Connell goes, you can see the good that he brings out in

people and how he manages to raise the integrity of any group, committee, or people that he associates with. O'Connell has shown a great concern for the student body and the direction in which they are headed above and beyond the call of duty with ECSU. He views the school as a tight community where everyone should work together, so for someone to accuse him of being prejudice and ripping the school apart with those views is absolutely ludicrous.

O'Connell deserves an apology because he is a leader in celebrating diversity at UTM. This campus should be about embracing diversity, not accusing people of trying to take that away.

Ryan Carroll

Second Year History and Management Student

Dear Editor,

I attended the forum for the ECSU all Candidates meeting on March 25, 2004. I am very interested in what goes on in the Student Centre and I enjoyed working with all of the ECSU Council Members this year. Each year I meet new people and found out that we have a wonderful diversity here at the University of Toronto at Mississauga. I find the students to be so very nice, polite and considerate.

At Thursday's meeting, someone made accusations that O'Connell showed a lack of integrity and honor and implied that he was prejudice. I was shocked at this due to the fact that O'Connell always goes out of his way to please those around him.

During my year and a half working in the ECSU office, I have seen O'Connell go out of his way to be friendly and helpful to all of the students. O'Connell has a lot of integrity and is a very honest person. He is definitely a people person and has respect for everyone.

I think an apology is owed to Sean O'Connell.

Regards,

Linda Feener

Office Administrator

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he "was one of the leading forces in gaining the new 24 bus route," which is an express route from UTM to Square One. It's funny how Moneeza Ahmed (who just got elected for SAC VP UTM), Gengiz Seyhun (current VP UTM) and Mohammed Hashim (previous VP UTM) all claim the exact same thing. Although Mr. Hashim did have a small role in this, it was actually My-Linh Nguyen (Mohammed's predecessor) who managed to extend the Mississauga Transit routes at UTM. It's unfortunate that these people are trying to steal the credit for her incredible efforts. I'll wait for Borchenko to consult with SAC before he has a response to this.

What bothers me most about these elections is when someone falsely accused Presidential candidate Sean O'Connell of being discriminatory against certain peoples. In the years I have known him, O'Connell has always carried himself with integrity and decency. Such outright slander is offensive to the UTM community. Shame on you Ahmed!

Once again, the ECSU elections have been plagued with dishonesty, dirty tactics, and intense amounts of student apathy.

It's unfortunate that at a campus with so many capable leaders, very few of them are willing to step up, and instead we have to deal with people who seem quite clueless. It's sad to see UTM in this state of affairs.

A. Holland

UTM Alumni

Dear Editor,

I wanted to comment on the allegations made against Sean O'Connell at the ECSU Candidates Forum on March 25. Moneeza Ahmed (newly elected SAC VP UTM) accused Mr. O'Connell of being prejudiced against Muslim people. I would hope everyone would dismiss the false accusations against him as it's nothing more than slander. I do not know why anyone would want to smear his good name, but it is regrettable.

O'Connell has been a colleague of mine for the past 3 years, and over this period of time I have come to develop a deep sense of respect for him. I have never met anyone with more honesty, integrity and good-will towards those around him. Sean

has been an inspiration to everyone he works with at ECSU, and always brings out the best in those around him. As a Muslim myself, O'Connell has always treated me with nothing but respect, and I am insulted that someone would hurt him in this manner.

I do not appreciate people making false accusations against any member of my staff. I am truly embarrassed that a student "leader" would have the audacity to make such claims, and would hope that Ahmed would issue an apology to Sean, as public as her allegations.

Cordially,

Adil F. Mirza

ECSU President

Dear Editor,

After watching the ECSU election forum last Thursday, I felt the need to comment on the state of the elections. To begin, you have Zeeshan Baig acclaimed for the position of Vice-President Administration. Reading what he wrote in his blurb last week and his performance (or lack of) at the forum, I don't think he has the slightest clue of his role as VP Admin. He talked about ECSU's finances. What poor Baig doesn't realize, is that he isn't running for VP Finance. In fact, he managed to talk about almost everything, except what he is supposed to be doing next year. What really made me laugh was how he didn't answer a single question at the forum. Every time someone asked him a question, he said something irrelevant. Another acclamation who wasn't present at the forum was Izanda Svilians, College Affairs Commissioner (CAC). Once again, I couldn't relate to her blurb. I suggest she finds out the what the job entails.

I was very interested in what Nadine Chandoo, candidate for VP Finance, had to say. Apparently, she is going to extend the hours of the pub, decrease the amount of debt the pub carries, and lift the "veil of secrecy ECSU is infamous for." It's interesting that she

wants to decrease the pub's debt by extending the hours – causing the labour costs to go up. So how exactly does this benefit the pub? It makes me wonder if she even knows how to create a budget. Speaking of which, has she ever gone to the ECSU office in order to look at their budget? Or is she just spouting bullshit with her claims of ECSU's "secrecy"? Then there's Dominic Lee. I'm glad you "GIVE a damn", but what are you going to do? It'd be nice if you were at the forum, so we would have had the opportunity to ask you questions. I think the biggest joke in this election is Jason Borchenko, running for President. I couldn't help but laugh when I heard what he had to say. He hasn't even run one event this entire year as Special Projects Director. Really, he hasn't done anything for ECSU or for the students. I'm curious why student dollars are being used to pay him this year. I don't think he has any idea of the role of ECSU President. Borchenko claims he will make the pub debt free.

Exactly how does he plan on accomplishing this? Did Borchenko ever stop to realize that every student-run bar at colleges and universities in Ontario is in debt? An example of this is "the Cage" at Sheridan, which gets a direct student levy, yet is still supported financially by the student union. He also claims that



## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## A unique finish to Hart House

BY SABRINA BALDINI

The last theatre production put on this season at Hart House Theatre - absurd one-acts *The Bald Soprano* and *Jack or the Submission* - is certainly unique. While the performances of all actors were energetic, creative and enjoyable, it was hard to ignore the complexity of the material that they were working with.

*The Bald Soprano*, which drew the most laughs, was a bizarre but thoroughly enjoyable take on human relationships in social situations. The performances from all the actors were brilliant. **Emily Wood** and **Anthony Reid**, who depicted Mrs. and Mr. Smith, were not only successful at being funny, but also at achieving a fine chemistry and stage presence together.

**Lawren Taylor** and **Nicole Jewinski** were humorous as a couple that are acquainted through comical circumstances and bizarre "coincidences." And **Danielle Meierhenry** as the unconventional maid and **Scott Gorman** as the Fire Chief both gave refreshing and eccentric performances, which truly brought more life and comedy to the overall play. The performances, writing and casting in *The Bald Soprano* were all excellent, making the play itself fun and truly the highlight of the evening.

*Jack or the Submission*, however, was more complex and more difficult to understand. Danielle Meierhenry, who portrayed Roberta "the bride" generated

the most laughs during the play. She was a confused unwilling bride-to-be who is offered to Jack by her unintentionally cruel parents.

While the characters of Father Jack (**Kevin Busch**) and Mother Jack (**Sara Pedrosa**) were enjoyable, they were also confusing and somewhat one-dimensional. The character of Jack, however, carried much more complexity and was far more entertaining as a son displeased with his surroundings and his family alike. The actors gave strong performances. But judging by the material and overall content of the play, the rarely performed Jack or the Submission appeared exactly that - inexecutable.

The comedic avenue struggled as well as the plot and the rare comedic occurrences were not enough to save this play.

The dancing in both the plays cannot be overlooked. The choreography was exceptional and bracing as well as fitting to the context of both plays. It boosted the energy and life of the plays.

Overall, each play was unique and well performed, but difficult to understand for anyone who is not familiar with Theatre of the Absurd.

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Hanks a true *Lady's* man

BY ADAM DOMENCHINI

Academy award winners **Tom Hanks** and the **Coen** brothers highlight the cast and crew of the movie *The Ladykillers*. In this dark comedy, a remake of the original 1950s film, Hanks plays Goldthwait Higginson Dorr III, Ph.D., a brilliant and eccentric charlatan professor who ventures to New Orleans with scandalous intentions.

The professor masterminds a riverboat casino heist with a gang of delinquents including a clumsy explosives expert, a rigid general, a hired thug, and a quick-tempered "inside man". Their plan is to tunnel an underground passageway into the casino's vault and steal the 1.6 million dollars contained within its walls.

To accomplish the crime, the professor rents a room in the house of a sweet, old, church-going widow named Mrs. Munson. Her house is the perfect headquarters, as the root cellar contains a dirt wall facing the riverboat they wish to rob - an ideal place

to tunnel. To cover up their plan, the gang pretends to be a choir band, and use the root cellar as their daily practice arena.

Overcoming differences of opinion, the thieves manage to work together and pull off the heist. However, Mrs. Munson learns about their criminal ways and threatens to tell the authorities. Panicking, the gang decides to kill Mrs. Munson to remedy the problem. Besides, how hard could it be to kill one little old lady?

This unique film is dark, yet comical and full of irony. The cast mesh perfectly with one another because their characters have a unifying naivety. This naivety highlights their inadequacies as effective thieves and progresses the story.

Like many actors, Tom Hanks continues to diversify himself with different, challenging and somewhat odd roles. The professor is no exception. And Hanks plays the part well. However, because of the imaginative script, do not be surprised if the ending leaves you a bit empty handed.



## Armenian Genocide subject of new deeply profound and personal work

BY LARISSA PALASZCZUK

Life is cruel.

Every person on earth faces certain problems and perceives each differently. This is the moral of Araxi Arslanian's *The Rogues of Urfa*.

In this true to life tale of survival, Arslanian plays both herself and her grandfather, Hovannes, in different ages, different countries, and she deals with different issues.

She introduces herself as Hovannes, the "golden prince" of the Armenian city, Urfa, before the disastrous genocide committed by the Ottoman Empire.

She then "transforms" herself into Araxi (herself) - as a child in the 1980s in Canada, coping with her brain disorder, a rare and life threatening lesion (AVM - Arteriovenous Malformations). This dis-

order causes seizures and erratic behaviour.

She jumps from story to story by reenacting the seizures, growing older, and explaining the major events of the time.

She tells the audience how she was kicked out of drama school for her behaviour.

It was mesmerizing to see a young woman reveal herself so openly and describe what it's like to survive these conditions.

Survival obviously runs through her family's blood - her grandfather was one of few to survive the Armenian Genocide and his tale of survival was an obvious influence on her strength.

It is hard to believe as well that humour could be a part of such hardship.

But Arslanian made it clear that to survive and be happy after such a struggle, it

is necessary to "look at the bright side" of your problems, and understand that you are not the only one with such difficulties.

Having to deal with her disease wasn't enough. Having to deal with ignorance was even more painful.

Life is cruel.

Arslanian's story teaches strength and power.

I highly recommend this play to anyone who is facing a problem; health, wealth or love - you will definitely have a lighter view on life when you come out of this play.

*Rogues Of Urfa* runs to April 4 at Artword Alternative Theatre. Call (416) 504-7529 for ticket information or visit [www.artword.net](http://www.artword.net).

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# (Some of the) gang's all here to make another Smith cult classic

BY JASON MARSH LAROCHE

Directed and written by **Kevin Smith**, *Jersey Girl* is a departure from his vulgar View Askew series, comprised of *Clerks*, *Mallrats*, *Dogma*, and *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back*.

Smith has gotten the comic books out of his system and delivered a piece about fatherhood that tugs at the viewer's heartstrings and tickles the funny bone. It is also important to note that this film is devoted to Smith's father at the end of the movie, who died in 2003.

The film begins in 1994 and takes a look at the life of one Oliver "Ollie" Trike, a Jersey-born music executive living the good life in New York with his new wife, Gerty. These are played by ex-lovers **Ben Affleck** and **Jennifer Lopez**.

After Gerty loses her life while

giving birth to their new baby girl, whom Ollie names after his wife, the business-minded Ollie thrusts the parenting duties on his street sweeper-driving father (**George Carlin**).

After a month of this, Carlin gets fed up and leaves the baby with Ollie at a moment's notice. This causes a domino-like chain of events that culminates at a press conference for **Will Smith**, whom Ollie verbally insults, along with the press, when the pressure of both parenthood and work get to him.

Ollie is fired and forced to live with his father in Highlands, New Jersey. Seven years pass, and Ollie has cleaned up his act as a parent but still cleans the streets with his father due to his inability to find work because of his tainted reputation.

A chance meeting with a video store clerk named Maya (**Liv**



**Tyler**), an event that gives him his confidence back, and a new shot at the big times forces Ollie to make the choice between the life he left

behind and the life he has with his daughter.

This is a heartfelt morality tale that is scripted beautifully. It is a realistic depiction of a widowed husband trying to come to grips with his loss and simultaneously raise his daughter, all the while longing to get his life back on track.

Smith also keeps the chronology intact, such as Ollie getting fired because of Will Smith's press conference on the heels of his movie, *Independence Day*.

The death of Ollie's wife is never forgotten. There are quirky moments that accentuate the plot with the right amount of comedy, some of them containing Smith's trademark sexual comedic situations and in-jokes.

The story never loses pace and maintaining a steady transition in the development of the main characters.

However, unrealistic moments plague the film, such as how a city worker can afford Broadway musicals or private school for his daughter on his salary, and the dramatic irony of Ollie getting parenting advice from Will Smith himself.

Having Will Smith in the movie just feels too much like a cheap plug for his own soon-to-be-released picture, *I, Robot*. Other than these drawbacks, the movie wins in terms of plot and dialogue.

Affleck's acting ability is tested here, as his character has different behavioral shifts when dealing with the many relationships he has in this picture.

With Ollie's father, he's a smart mouth, with Gerty, a loving father, and with Maya, a reluctant boyfriend.

Affleck's comedic timing is excellent and his timidity at getting back into sexual relationships and speaking in front of a crowd are believable. His wide range of emotions carries the movie in the role of a man who does not yet know what he wants more in life: family or fame.

George Carlin takes the stereotypical grumbling father dissatisfied with his son and softens him with the different relationship he has with his granddaughter.

Racquel Castro, who portrays Gerty, is an admirable actress for a girl her age. Her use of wisecracks, dialogue, and language is phenomenal and hilarious.

Like the role reversal she plays when she catches Maya and her dad in the shower days after he catches her showing off her private parts to a boy who does the same.

Castro and Affleck have excellent chemistry together, as well as with Carlin.

As for Liv Tyler, the role of Maya is a departure for this *Lord of the Rings* elf. She displays great versatility in this movie as a lonely but attractive grad student who is as smart-mouthed as she is open about her sexual appetite.

However, she seems to be Ollie's conscience in some cases. And the fact that most of the time she's wearing glasses while giving him advice, it's almost as if she's Kevin Smith's conduit to enlighten Affleck's character.

The major let-down, however, comes in the first examined relationship, which is Ollie and his wife.

The intimate moments become tiresome, probably because of the failure Affleck and Lopez had in terms of chemistry in their last film, *Gigli*.

The only saving grace in this relationship is the delivery room scene. Lopez's portrayal of a woman in labour and Affleck as a man who loses his wife unexpectedly are beautifully done.

Despite its shortcomings, *Jersey Girl* is a great movie to go see with friends, lovers...and even family. It's worth going over the bridge to the Highlands to see how a fall from grace can turn out to be a fortunate fall.

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## Katimavik: discovering self and country

BY KAREN SUE

Like most university students, I've questioned the lack of direction in my life. I went through two and a half years of university focusing solely on getting that holy grail of a degree, without really considering what I was going to do with it afterwards. With only a little more than a year left until graduation, my immediate future seemed pretty set – go to school, and then figure everything else out from there – but that was until I heard of Katimavik.

"Katimawhat?" is the most common response when I tell others about this unique experience. Katimavik is a government funded programme geared toward Canadians between 17 and 21 years of age. For nine months you and 10 other youths travel to three different communities across Canada to volunteer at different non-profit organizations. At first, the idea of leaving home to work for free seems crazy. I assure you that my mental acumen is perfectly intact, and I don't have any regrets.

I've discovered the richness of Canadian culture after meeting people from Nova Scotia, Alberta, British Columbia, Québec, Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan – amazing people I

would have never met otherwise. The volunteer placements teach you practical life skills, and give you a chance to work in places you might have never considered or had a chance to try.

I'm currently working full time at a French immersion elementary school as a teacher's aide. I've worked with children before, but never in a French environment. Though I'm far from bilingual, my French comprehension and verbal skills have improved dramatically in the short two months I've been here.

Besides from the French, I've also learned a lot about myself. I've come to realize that maybe teaching isn't the job for me, but it's a step in the right direction towards knowing what career I do want.

Katimavik definitely isn't a holiday cruise. You sacrifice many of the home comforts: privacy, junk food and television. I haven't seen an episode of *The Simpsons* in over two months – D'OH! But since I've been deprived of these luxuries, I've discovered that I really don't need them. Who needs to watch television, when you have 11 people in the house to talk with? I've laughed more with my fellow Katimavikers than I ever had at Homer's crazy antics.

As cliché as it sounds, I feel like I've

known these people forever: Michelle, Angela, Xuan, Carine, Tyler, Greg, Damir, Brent, Sam, Rob and our Project Leader Jamie. I can only imagine how life will continue after this programme is over in 5 months. We do practically everything as a group, from volunteering at various festivals to hitting the bars on the weekend.

Katimavik has provided me with many of my firsts, such as skiing, ice-climbing, a bluegrass concert, and watching two Anglophone boys fight over a French dictionary. And this weekend we're going to survival camp! Oh, and how many of you have ever tried cooking for twelve people? I can proudly say that I have; not to sound conceited, but it was absolutely edible. Yum!

I'm donating my time and am not making any money besides the \$21 weekly allowance and the \$1000 bursary upon completion of the programme. But I can honestly say that I wouldn't exchange my time here for all the money in the world. It has taught me more than any textbook could have. There really is a big world out there to explore, so don't be afraid to take time off, and discover what it is you want to get from it.

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## Rant: Is money a dirty word?

BY DIANA KOWAL

Money and the handling of it has become one of society's most tabooed subjects, even more than sex or drugs. It is acceptable for friends to dish about relationships, yet it is considered bad manners to ask how much a person makes or how much they have spent on purchasing something. People are embarrassed by the mere mention of money, whereas in the same breath they'll recount a horrifically detailed play-by-play of the date they had last night. Why are we afraid of finances? We know that lack of knowledge makes one feel uncomfortable, so let's get to know money a little better.

In these times where youth have more and more money and very little to do with it, it seems odd that there is little or no proper education of financial responsibility. Students are especially targeted by credit card companies because they know that very few of us realize the responsibilities that are attached to credit. Instead, people see it as "free money," much like I did. How I miss those days of ignorance. I thought, "Now I can go on that vacation for reading week, or go and buy a new wardrobe. It can't be that hard to pay off, right?" And that, my friend, is how student debt follows you into adult life.

With gimmicky credit cards sporting beer logos and sports teams, and the television constantly telling you to buy now and pay later, how can one learn to be financially responsible? Well, as

with anything, there are books that can teach you. The only problem here is that our valuable time as students lends little or no time for extra-curricular reading. So then what?

If you're lucky, your parents will sit you down and warn you of the evils of credit and bad money management. The problem here? Most adults are in the same situation as we are; they don't know that much more about being responsible with money. They have large debts themselves because no one showed them the ropes either.

This brings me right into my next point, which seems quite profound if I do say so myself: why don't they teach it in school? I actually did some reading about money management, and it is extremely elementary – appropriate to teach at grade school levels. Don't believe me?

Well, even though it may not be politically correct to discuss money, I will leave you with this one piece of advice: pay yourself first. This is the one lesson that reoccurs in all of the books I've come across on the subject of becoming financially responsible. Pretend you are one of your many bills that require payment each month – I like to call mine the Bank of Diana Inc. – making a payment of ten percent of your income into an investment.

Next lesson? Well, I haven't gotten to that chapter yet. Why don't you check it out for yourself? And do it before money becomes a dirty word in your vernacular.

## Rant: Where did good people go?

BY TANAZ BHATHENA

That's a question worth pondering upon. In fact the definition of "good" is no longer what it used to be. Traditionally, a good person is described as honest, trustworthy, loyal, kind, compassionate, hardworking and generous. Every religion tries to encourage us to emulate these qualities. Goodness is the watchword of saints. But, in a practical world, saints are considered to be either crooks or fools.

Even in simple conversation, the word "good" is seldom used as an adjective. "That movie was wicked!" or perhaps "Coldplay rocks!" are more descriptive than "That was a good movie" or "Coldplay is a good band". The word "good" itself is supposedly antiquated, insipid and colorless. The word "wicked" on the other hand, which is conventionally synonymous with despicable acts, is now a way of expressing enjoyment. Moving away from linguistics, the point is that what was once considered to be dangerous or bad is now exciting. Acts which were once looked upon with disdain are now a form of being "cool".

But, why is that so? Since when did being nice become a crime? Maybe it can be traced back to the fact that nice people often finish last due to their idealism and naïveté. Or perhaps it's due to the fact that no human being is perfect, so one who acts righteously is most probably a con-artist. The problem with being nice is the lack of honesty which comes with the trait. Have you ever been faced with a situation where you didn't tell someone the truth just because it would hurt their feelings? Have you then complained about that person to someone else? Or

have you flattered someone just to get their help on an assignment? If you answered yes to any of these questions, believe me, you're not alone.

An honest answer is difficult for both the giver and the receiver. As long as the person on the receiving end benefits from such an answer, it must be given even though it may hurt at first. Honesty does not imply cruelty. Do not make jests at someone else's expense just to upset them. Backbiting is even worse. It is probably one of the major reasons why nice people are mockingly called "goody-two-shoes". Backbiters are hypocrites who simply don't have the gumption to come out and say what they are thinking to the person's face. Flattery is one instrument these people use to take advantage of others.

But, flattery can be ingratiating if it is insincere. Most people are decent enough to help you out if you ask them politely. Sugary words and actions of affected "goodness" are absolute turn-offs. Nevertheless, what if an individual is genuinely making an effort to be good to others? The answer to this question is complex. It revolves around the issue of trust. Distinguishing between authenticity and duplicity is not an easy task.

In a practical world, few people would insist upon following the traditional code of goodness to a T. Those who were once innocent are now shrewder. They too have learned that being good has its own price. So here is some food for thought: Do saints exist outside of religious and political propaganda? Are we as individuals of the twenty-first century willing to believe that there are still some good people out there? In fact, is it even wise to have such a hope?

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# Penguin parents share the workload of incubating eggs

BY LAUREN CUMMINGS

## Nests and Courting Behaviour

A sleek Adélie penguin shoots out of the water. She collides with the ice barrier at the shore and plummets back into the frigid water. Other Adélies seem to fly from the ocean, some landing on shore, others falling back to try again. She swims upward, clears the ice barrier, and flops on the beach. Some penguins preen by the shore, and others head for the colony. She shakes water from her feathers and waddles up the slope to her nest.

Her mate lies atop a small pile of pebbles. He incubated their two eggs for fifteen days while she fed at sea. She calls to her mate on the nest and he stands up to greet her. He answers her call: *GRA-ah-ah-ah-ah!* Bills touching, they point their heads skyward and voice the loud mutual call of the Adélie penguin.

## Adélie Colonies

Adélie (a-DAY-lee) penguins breed in colonies on land from October to February, during the Antarctic summer. They spend the rest of the year at sea foraging for food. Environmental consultant David Ainley's definition of a penguin colony encompasses all

Adélie penguins living within an 8-kilometre (5-nautical mile) radius. Colonies range in size from only a few breeding pairs to 200,000 pairs. Young, non-breeding Adélies occupy the periphery of the colony and forage for food with the groups of breeders.

Adélies exhibit strong natal philopatry – they return to their birth colony to breed. Seventy-five percent of Adélie penguins nest within 180 metres (200 yards) of their birth place. Researchers note that some tagged penguins nest within a metre of the previous year's nesting site.

Males usually arrive at the colony first. A mature male chooses a prime nesting site, digs a small depression in the muddy ground, and places many pebbles around it. The male waits for his previous year's mate for up to five days. If she does not show up, he advertises his fitness as a mate, wooing females with his loud ecstatic display. He points his bill skyward, beats his flippers rhythmically, and squawks louder and louder: *GRA-ah-ah-ah-ah, GRA-ah-ah-ah-ah.*

Adélies are territorial penguins. They place nests just out of pecking range of the nearest neighbour – about 67-84 centimetres (26-33 inches), centre to centre. Pebbles form the base of the nest. The male attracts the female with a large nest, and he courts her by bringing gifts of more pebbles, often stolen from other penguin nests. The Adélie pair establishes a bond and announces territory with the mutual call. In the mutual call, the Adélies look up, hold their flippers at their sides, touch bills, and squawk or hum to each other.

## Breeding Behaviour and Copulation

Female Adélie penguins first breed at age 3 or 4; males breed at 5 or 6 years old. Before initiating copulation, the male brings many pebbles to the nest, and bows to the female with each pebble presentation. She accepts the gifts and lies in the nest on her abdomen. During copulation, the male stands on the female's back. He waves his flippers and they touch bills. A brief touch of the cloacae (*singular* cloaca) and the sperm passes to the female. Copulation lasts about a minute. The Adélies repeat this many times in the weeks before the female lays an egg.



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## Egg Incubation

Adélie penguins usually lay two eggs about three days apart. Incubation lasts 35 days. The female lays the eggs, then goes to sea to forage for food. She forages for about two weeks. The male stays in the nest and incubates the eggs. Both Adélie parents have a brood patch: a fold of featherless abdominal skin. The penguin lies in the nest with its brood patch touching or covering the eggs to keep them warm. The male fasts for the two weeks he sits on the nest.

The female returns from sea to relieve the male on the nest. The Adélie pair reaffirms their mating bond with loud mutual calls. The male then goes to sea for two weeks and the female incubates the eggs. Toward the end of the incubation period the mates relieve each other at the nest every 1-2 days.

## Chicks: The Guard Stage

The guard stage lasts about three weeks, from hatching to the time the chicks can be left alone. Newly hatched chicks weigh 80-90 grams (2.8-3.2 ounces). Soft, dark-grey down covers the chicks. Adélie chicks younger than fifteen days cannot *thermoregulate* – they need to stay close to a parent for body heat, or they will freeze. After fifteen days, a chick can leave the brood patch but stays in the nest close to the

parent. Normally male and female penguins are indistinguishable, but during the breeding season researchers identify the females by the muddy marks on their backs.

parent.

Chicks face many threats to survival and chick mortality is high. Chicks may starve if a parent is killed while foraging at sea and fails to return with food. Chicks may freeze to death when the brooding parent abandons the nest to forage if the other parent doesn't return. Young chicks become easy prey without their parents to defend them. Skuas, large hunting/scavenger birds, swoop into penguin colonies and carry off an egg or a chick. Clusters of nesting Adélie parents fend off flying skuas with squawks, pecks, and flipper slaps.

## Chicks: The Crèche Stage

The crèche stage begins at three weeks of age and lasts until the chicks moult and go to sea for their own food. Chicks older than fifteen days can keep warm without the parent. Chicks congregate in crèches, or groups, of three to thirty. Both parents are free to forage at sea to feed the hungry chicks. The large crèches offer some protection from the cold and from skuas. Non-breeding penguins in the colony sometimes fend off skuas if they try to attack the crèches.

An adult Adélie returns from sea and stands at the nest site. The Adélie parent gives a loud mutual call. Penguins recognise each other by voice, and the parent's chicks separate from the crèche and run to the adult. Sometimes other hungry chicks follow and a "feeding chase" ensues as the parent runs away. A parent's own chicks are the most persistent, chasing and squawking until the others have given up.

The chick begs for food at the lower part of the parent's bill. The parent leans forward and the chick inserts its bill into the parent's bill. The parent regurgitates the food into the chick's bill. Parent and chick neither spill nor waste any food.

The crèche stage ends at the age of

about two months. The chicks complete their first moult. Oily, waterproof adult feathers replace their down. The parents stop feeding the chicks, and the chicks gather on the beach. The young Adélies peer into the water and crowd on the ice at the water's edge. Encouraged by the adults jumping in, they follow. The chicks swim clumsily away from the shore. Leopard seals hiding under the ice shelf may attack. Fast swimming is a penguin's only defence. The group of young Adélie penguins swims out to sea for the winter. During the winter they feed at sea and ride the Antarctic ice floes. Adélies first return to their home colony at an average age of three years.

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## SPORTS

## Lady Eagles basketball team takes St. George to the wire

By J. SWISH

The Women's Tri-Campus Basketball team played one of their best games of the year last Tuesday in the Championship Final vs St. George Blue. UTM came into the game well prepared and was able to neutralize the high flying St. George Blue offense in the first half. Excellent team defense and amazing work at defending screens allowed UTM to hold the Blue squad to only 18 first half points. However, UTM could not really get anything going offensively in the first half and the Blue team led 18-14 at the half. Marija Vukic and Steph Van de Ven had 4 points each to lead UTM.

The second half saw UTM get off to an even slower start on the offensive end and the Blue squad adjusted on offense to score some easy baskets. In fact, UTM scored their first basket 10 minutes into

the second half after the Blue team had jumped into a 14 point lead. The Blue team committed fouls early in the second half and UTM was shooting 1 and 1 bonus foul shots at the 12 minute mark of the second half and was blessed with double bonus with about eight minutes left.

After UTM had crept back within 10 points a time-out was called by the UTM coaches. Head Coach Krist explained that the Blue team's fouling was going to get UTM back in the game as they would be scoring without the clock running. Assistant Coach Stephanie Kishimoto asked all the players to "dig in deep on defense and tough it out". The time-out worked as the UTM team came out on fire for the last 8 minutes of the half. Vukic put the team on her back and went 5 for 5 from the foul line down the stretch. On the defensive end, Shelley Roque and Vanessa Centofante forced

many turnovers on the press. Post players, Lindsey Sones and Van de Ven controlled the defensive glass.

With less than one minute left UTM pulled to within two points twice, including a clutch baseline

jump shot by Roque. With 8.6 seconds

left, UTM called a quick time-out. After the time-out, when UTM needed a steal the most, the press failed as U of T Blue broke free and UTM was only able to foul with 3.6 left on the clock. Blue hit the first end of a double bonus and missed the second. Unfortunately the rebound fell in between Sones and a Blue player. The two fought for possession as the clock ran out. The final score was 42-39. The loss ended UTM's consecutive Interfaculty Championship streak at eight including last year's championships in division one during the fall session and Tri-Campus in the winter term.

"We had an excellent practice the night before the game and went over all the plays St. George was going to run on us", said Coach Krist after the game. "It was our best game of the year and the entire team played amazing. I am proud of the way we played, a lesser team would have thrown in the towel after not scoring for ten minutes in the second and being 14 points down," added Krist.

Coach Kishimoto knew the team could come back and never gave up hope. The one weakness the team had all season was foul shooting. It came back to haunt them again in this game and despite Vukic's 5 for 5 from the line, the team still shot 50 per cent or 9 for 18 from the line.

UTM scoring was as follows: Vukic led UTM with 13 pts, Van de Ven 10 pts, Sones 6 pts, Roque 5 pts and Sommer Blackman with 1pt. There were 4 points unaccounted for on the score sheet and they could have been scored by other key team members who played an outstanding game for UTM: Chris Gonyou, Negar Tootoonchian, Vanessa

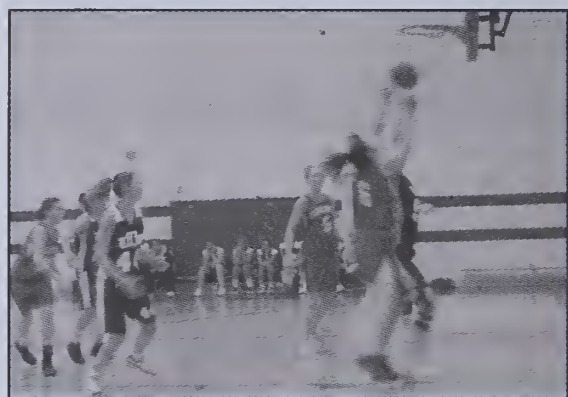
Centofante, Linda Williams, Nancy Couture and Diana Kwong. All UTM players contributed from the bench and on the floor in the final. The team spirit and cheering from the bench really motivated the players on the court to step up their games!

This year's team was a nice mix of veterans and rookies. UTM will lose two fourth year veterans Chris Gonyou and Marija Vukic. However, this year the team added 4 key rookies: Sommer Blackman, Vanessa Centofante, Negar Tootoonchian and Nancy Couture. The team hopes these rookies will return next year stronger and UTM will be able to replace Vukic's scoring with veteran players like Steph Van de Ven and Lindsey Sones. Van de Ven's play in the play-offs was incredible; she showed signs of being a top scorer on the team as she averaged 15 points a game. Sones was her steady self at centre anchoring the defense and adding six points a game on offense. These two key veterans, the other returnees and a few from a new freshman class will form a team in hopes of regaining the Interfaculty Basketball Title in the 2004-2005 season.



photos/Darryl Sequeira

UTM's Vanessa Centofante (22), Shelley Roque (5), and Lindsey Sones (behind) swarm an SGB player in the hopes of retrieving a rebound. Congratulations to the team and coaches for a great season.



photo/Darryl Sequeira

UTM's Lindsey Sones battles underneath the basket for a rebound against a SGB player. The team lost a squeaker 42-39 in the finals. 8.6 seconds



Erindale College

Student Union News and Notes

## ECSU ELECTIONS

Voting will take place in South and North Building on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>

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## Clubs Pub Night

April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Blind Duck Pub  
All club members and executives are invited to attend.

Find out what club was voted best club for 2003-2004!!!!

## Clubs-Volunteer

## Recognition Ceremony

The ceremony will be held in the Student Centre on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. Come support the students the gave their time to help make UTM a better place/

If you are graduating and want to be on the class of 2004 Grad Composite, come to the ECSU office and get your picture taken. SPACE IS LIMITED



# Battle of the "Bonds" for title

BY CHERYL PENFOLD

This week's semi-final playoff matches were two very exciting and close games. Tuesday's match up saw the second place Blade Breakers take on the third place Bond Girls. The Blade Breakers jumped out first with a rifling shot by Tiffany Low Foon, tipped in by Chris Mayers who was waiting on the doorstep. Minutes later, Cheryl Penfold of the Bond Girls responded back with a bank in shot from behind the net off the Breakers defensemen. Both teams had numerous offensive chances, but they were denied by the stellar goaltending of Jenn Chapman and Nazia Khan. With less than five minutes left in the first half, the Blade Breakers were able to extend their lead with another goal by Chris Mayers, her eighth of the year. However, in a weird setting off the face, Penfold slipped the puck to Natalie Ng, who blasted a shot from half through the five hole of Chapman to tie the game 2-2 at the end of the first half.

The second half proved to be just as exciting as both teams were storming the net at full force, but both goaltenders kept their teams in the game. With only minutes left in the game, the Bond Girls scored one again as Diana Kwong's shot bounced off Chapman's pads and Ng picked up the rebound. Despite the offensive drive by the Blade Breakers Carrie Rai and Mayers, they were unable to slip another one past the outstanding goaltending by Khan, who went on to help her team win the game 3-2 and secure themselves a

spot in the championship.

In Thursday's semi-final match up, the first place Bond Hunters took on the fourth place Free Agents. The Bond Hunters were first on the scoreboard as Keira Madden passed the ball up to her captain Claire Pinsonnault who rifled a shot passed the Free Agents Stella Cheng. However, the Free Agents answered back with a goal of their own. Their leading scorer Silvia Barreto received a pass from Heather Sabiston and fired a low shot past the Hunters' goaltender Megan Aleven. Heading into the second half with the game tied at 1-1, both teams came out ready to take their game to the next level. The Free Agents' consistent battle in front of the net paid off as Danielle Norton banked in a rebound off of Barreto's shot to give her team a 2-1 lead.

Unfortunately they were unable to keep this lead. The Bond Hunters' dominant offence continued to battle in front of the net. After an initial shot by Pinsonnault, Candace Connolly snuck through the slot to slip the rebound past a sprawled out Cheng. With the

game tied at 2-2 and time ticking down, both teams had many scoring opportunities but were denied by the excellent goaltending of Cheng and Aleven. With the Bond Hunters' frustration growing after being stoned numerous times by Cheng, they were eventually able to slip one past her as Jessica Frutti passed the ball across the floor to Pinsonnault who roofed it top shelf on Cheng. The Bond Hunters went on to win the game 3-2 and are scheduled to face their rivals, the Bond Girls, in the final next week.

*Player of the Week:*  
**Claire Pinsonnault**

**Championship Game**  
**Tues. March 30 @ 8 a.m.**  
The Bond Hunters vs The Bond Girls

**All-Star Game**  
**Thurs. Apr. 1 @ 8 a.m.**



photo courtesy of Cheryl Penfold

The Bond Girls and Bond Hunters square off in the finals of the women's ball hockey intramural league on March 30 at 8 a.m.

# Whalers dominate finals

BY CORY ALEXANDER

The finals came and went and the excitement did not fail to disappoint as the Whalers met the Sloppy Stick Handlers to determine the champions of division two ball hockey.

Looking to prove his MVP potential, the Whalers Chris Jackson's excitement got the better of him and he was ejected for an errant punch. Picking up the slack was perennially unsung hero Vince Cheng, who scored three big goals.

Unquestionably he was the MVP of the game. Sloppy Stick Handler's Cyrus Zahiri and Jeff Ham put forth impressive efforts,

and Kevin Lee's deadly shots struck fear into the Whalers all night, but WLR goalie Matt Carrier would have none of it. The final score was 4-0, and the Whalers savored their victory, a great story for the grunts who join the league every year and finally win near the end of their stay at UTM.

**Div. II - Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Div. I vs. Div. II @ 2:30 p.m.**  
**Div. I All Star Game @ 4 p.m.**

Prediction: All signs point to a H2O boyz victory, but hey, maybe the Whalers can cheat their way to a victory.

## CORNER

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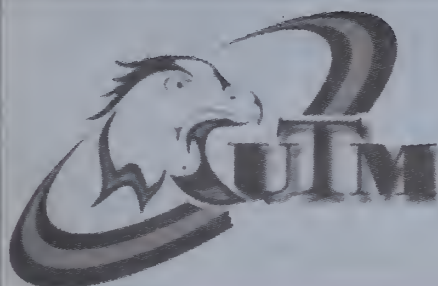
**CLUB PUB** - April 6 from 6-8p.m. to announce Club of the Year! All executives and members of ECSU Clubs are welcome. Pizza on first come, first serve basis.

Forensics Club would like to remind you that their second **Murder Mystery** takes place on **Tuesday, March 30, starting at 5:45p.m.** This event is free for members and non-members alike, but do not forget your invitations.

PAUSE presents a short talk on **Alzheimer's** by Cheryl Graham. Pizza will be served. No charge- all are welcome! **Tuesday March 30 at 5p.m.** happening in the Board Room of the Student Centre.

**Meditation Seminar**- Last chance of the year to relax with PAUSE and Dr. Jeff! **Wednesday March 31, 5-6:30p.m.** Room 2037SB. Free for PAUSE members, \$2 non-members.

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## MEN'S 4 ON 4 CROSSCOURT MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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*Registration on Friday, April 2 from*  
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## Peace made between SAC and ECSU

BY GLEN 'ALL RIGHT' QUAGMIRE

Peace was made between UTM's two competing student governments last week. In a move that shocked many across campus, the head honchos of the Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) and the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) came together in an unprecedented show of diplomacy and cooperation between the two organizations.

At a press conference held at the Blind Duck Pub, ECSU President Adil F. Mirza and SAC VP Gengiz Seyhun stood side-by-side while announcing an agreement made between the two to combine resources of their respective councils to better serve students at UTM. Details of the new agreement will be announced next week, but rumours have it that a drastic reorganization of the structure and operating of the two governments is expected.

The announcement last week consisted of a speech by both candidates followed by a provocative ceremony. Called, "Turning on the Love," the ceremony consisted of each candidate stripping down to their underwear and performing an official tweaking of the other man's nipples. The tweak of the nipple - which involves a distinctive twisting motion - is representative of each man turning on the other's heart; hence the title, "Turning on the Love."

"When I tweaked his nipple I knew that a new age of cooperation between SAC and ECSU had begun," Seyhun said.

Asked exactly how he felt when touching Mirza's nipple, Seyhun responded,

"Standing there in our underwear, it was kinda cold. I was surprised and delighted to find that Adil's nipple was subtle in texture yet slightly erect. It was like the nipple itself was aware of the significance of this event."

After their nipples had been tweaked, Seyhun and Mirza walked through the crowd in their sparse clothing. They shook hands, answered questions, spoke with the media, and sipped lightly from glasses of white zinfandel. The pair



photo/Papa Razzi

**It's a titty bit nippy in here! Sporting some sexy stockings, Adil gets his nipple twisted by his good ole pal, Gengiz. Way to come thru with a pinch boys!**

appeared visibly at ease and happy with one another's presence; this being in stark opposition to the unspoken tension felt in previous months. With a sly wink, Seyhun reached under Mirza's arm as he was taking a drink and gave his nipple a hearty twist.

"Oh it tickles when you do that, you thilly thailor!" Mirza said.

Students present at the pub seemed either joyous or puzzled.

"I think it's amazing that these two men came together, stripped to their undies, tweaked some nipples, and managed to smooth over relations between their organizations," said

fourth year drama student Ryan Acheson. "Not only that, but that ECSU guy looked pretty good in that garter belt. Hot Damn!"

Another student who identified herself only as Johanna was more enthusiastic about food than she was about nipples.

"I need to eat, my blood sugar is low. They serve food at this pub special vending machine called the

"Giver' Rubber," the condoms will be available at high-sex areas around campus including the Fireplace Lounge in the student centre, the

Turn page or face death by chi chi

## Aramark unveils host of new campus services

BY AMANDA RUBNTUG

UTM's primary service provider, Aramark, has announced that it will expand its operations on the UTM campus. Despite being the centre of controversy this year, the company issued a press release stating it has intentions to expand and diversify the services available to students and staff of Erindale College.

"We realize that food service is very important to students. We also realize that UTM is a diverse campus, and that is why we are making our services as diverse as possible to better serve our customers," said Betsy Sputnik, the Aramark manager on campus.

The new services being offered are not in line with Aramark's traditional campus offerings, which centre around food service. According to the press release, this was done on purpose.

"Aramark as a company is trying to expand the diversity of services we can offer. The new services at UTM are simply a smaller reflection of our company wide diversification strategy," the press release said.

The three most notable additions to Aramark's services on campus are an escort-dispensing vending machine, flavoured condoms, and medicinal marijuana.

One of the more drastic additions to Aramark's service line-up is a new vending machine prototype. Called, the "Love Dispenser 4000," the prototypes distributes male and female escorts to love-sick UTM students. The Love Dispenser has already proved a success, with all ten female escorts selling out in a matter of 45 seconds. There was slightly less demand for the male

escorts, but after 15 minutes the machine was sold out of them as well.

"I'm so happy to have finally found a quick lay...I mean true love! And it only cost me a couple hundred bucks. This is way better than Internet dating, think of the money I'll save!" said Jason Nichols before eagerly leading his date, Miranda, away to his office in the student centre.

Students concerned with the welfare of the escorts inside the machines need not worry. The escorts all volunteered for the position, and many cite distinct advantages over traditional escort services. Patrick Hare, the last male escort to be purchased from the machine had much to say on the issue.

"I want to thank Aramark for giving me the chance to whore myself out in a safe and clean manner. I used to work the mean streets of Etobicoke, and let me tell you that wasn't pleasant," Hare said. "People without enough money to pay for my services would always try and trick me into turning a trick. With the Love Dispenser 4000, the most that people without money can do to me is bang and lick on the glass while I sit safely inside."

Aramark has also unveiled other services in conjunction with the Love Dispenser 4000. From now on, male and female students will have access to a wide variety of flavoured condoms. Available through a right? What can I get for 83 cents?"

The ceremonious nipple-tweak is based on an ancient tradition. In the late 1600s, a rebellious group of British settlers broke ties with the large group of pioneers they had

Simon says turn the fuckin' page



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**This young lady is lookin' for love...and it looks like she just found it! The handsome devil being released from the 'Love Dispenser 4000' is Patrick Hare, the last of ten male escorts to be sold out within fifteen minutes.**

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"Beer changes your life"**  
- Pooja

## New tree engineered by UTM scientists grows newspapers instead of leaves (FYI: this is a cheesy tabloid headline)

BY KERAB NAIRDA

While money may not grow on trees, the newspaper you are holding does. A group of scientists at UTM unveiled a scientific breakthrough recently that will bring a whole new meaning to the term. "Broken golf carts are a handicapped gopher's best friend."

Using a cutting edge method of gene-ink splitting, the scientists have successfully cloned a tree that grows newspapers instead of leaves. UTM's campus newspaper, *The 2nd Large*, has been involved in the project from the earliest stages, and will become the first printed publication in the

Turn the page, all the cool kids are doin it...

## MONDAY MOVIES

Feb. 30 - Saving Ryan's Privates: 12p.m. & 5p.m. - Blow Bill - Volume 1: 2p.m. & 7p.m.

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# Drugs, sex, and prophylactics

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games room in the pub, all phases of residence, and certain secluded hallways and stairwells throughout the South Building.

At least one UTM student is grateful for the condoms, and not for the reason's one might think.

"I have been an advocate for flavoured condoms being available on campus for some time now" said third year economics student, Kristian Luciani. "What many students don't realize is that there are people out there who cannot chew gum due to allergies. I am one of these people. Should I be denied a tasty, chewing snack just because I am allergic to gum? The bookstore sells gum, but not condoms. Now thanks to Aramark, I can look forward to a yummy, chewy snack between classes." Among the flavours being offered are cherry, apple, orange, salmon, buffalo chicken ranch, fruit explosion, hummus, and Tim Horton's Coffee."

Some of the new Aramark services have been developed in conjunction with U of T. When SARS threatened to become an epidemic last Spring, the university hastily implemented policy that would allow students to be fully excused from exams without academic penalty if they displayed any signs of the disease.

In keeping with this policy and new medical marijuana legislation passed in Canadian Parliament, Aramark will now offer medical marijuana to needy UTM students. According to the company's press release, "any student displaying one or more of the identified symptoms will be granted access to a highly potent strain of cannabis sativa to help alleviate their symptoms." The press release went on to list the symptoms as coughing, sneezing, genital itching, body odor, and excessive blinking.

While the availability of the wonder drug has been hailed by many bleary-eyed students across campus, certain

groups have accused Aramark of conspiring to sell more food.

"I can't believe students and the university are letting this happen at UTM. It is so painfully obvious that this is an evil ploy by Aramark to boost their sales," said Jan Maw, director of residence life. "Don't you see? All these stoners running around campus are going to get the munchies? And to satisfy their cravings they're going to go to Pizza Pizza, Pita Pit, or Tim Horton's...all of which are outlets operated by Aramark."

Conspiracy theories aside, the first recipients of the weed to feed their sick need are outraged by the comments made against Aramark.

"The fact that someone would criticize Aramark for being compassionate to others is just...hey this textbook is really trippin me out man. Statistics? Ya I like to eat bean burritos on Wednesdays. And no, I don't believe Moby Dick was a whale, he was a giant can of tuna with wings man! WITH WINGS!" said one red-eyed student puffing on a marijuana cigarette in front of the campus police station. Asked to re-phrase the incomprehensible drivel he had just spewed forth, the student responded by saying.

"My spoon is too big! Cheetos! Cheetos! Cheetos! Everybody dance! Yo I'm just messin with you man. This hydro is really trippin me out you know? Shit is doin stuff. Not like you and me are doin' stuff though, shit is doin' different stuff. Like that song were that guy sings about shit...know what I mean boss? But shiiiaaat, that ain't no izzle ma fizzle de la tizzle, bizzle...."

At this point, the student's speech was cut short by campus police. Having looked up from their TV monitors, officers of campus police decided the student constituted a 'suspicious looking character,' and proceeded to ask him politely to leave campus or else they would call the real police.

Our paper may be called, *The Large*, but our headlines are really, really, really, really, small

world to be grown from trees. Like leaves, once the newspapers will decompose if left on the ground.

The new printing process should alleviate the concerns of students who felt publication of *The 2nd Large* was an environmental concern. Minister of the Environment for the Students' Administrative Council (SAC), Aubrey Iwaniw, is responsible for advocating for a greener campus. In keeping with her role, she expressed concern about the environmental impact of *The 2nd Large*. Asked what she thought of the new printing tree, Iwaniw responded, "Carebear count down, 4-3-2-1!"

Asked if she could put this into a more coherent statement for the benefit of readers, Iwaniw stated,

"I love trees. They are big and green and special. Birds and squirrels live in trees, and some trees have their own super-special loving family. Give a tree a hug!"

Head scientist of the group, Dr. Guy Bastard, spoke on the processes used to create the tree.

"The secret is in arranging the genes of the tree to match the ink patterns on the paper that make up the words and images" Dr. Bastard said. "In our initial test phases, we could not sync up the genes and the ink. The tree would grow the paper but the words would make no sense at all. It was pretty funny. The phrases written were complete and utter bullshit and made no sense. Stuff like 'Registrar works hard,' 'U of T is a great university,' 'Campus Police solve crimes,' 'The shuttle bus is comfortable,' and 'America has a viable foreign policy.'"

Business Manager of *The 2nd Large*, Romano Bigjerk, was overjoyed at the cost savings his organization will derive from the new printing method.

"Goody goody gum drops! I'm so happy I could shit....oops, too late for that now! Ha! More money for me! Those greedy sonofabitch editors aren't going to get a single dime of it. Moo HA ha HA ha HA ha HA!"



photo/Lucky Click

Here be the tree that done make our paper good. Ain't it perry?

## The Learians are coming

Straight from the front page, sucka!!!

been traveling with. Setting out on their own, they eventually settled in the vast expanse of wilderness that today is the vast expanse of suburbia, Mississauga.

The group called themselves the Learians, after their eccentric spiritual leader, Lear. Lear told his followers that a magic race of leaf people would join them and together they would mate and create a race of leafy green people called Greople.

After several years of waiting, no Leaf people arrived, and the Learians were forced to repeatedly mate with each other to assure the survival of their group. The results of continuous in-breeding left Learian descendants with a wide variety of developmental defects. At first, the defects were small but as generations continued to practice incestual breeding, the Learian people gradually lost their ability to function as normal human beings.

To this day, some scientists claim

that certain people alive today are distant relatives of the Learians. UTM psychology professor and resident hippie musician, Dr. Jeff, commented on the presence of Learians in contemporary society.

"Whether or not there are people alive today that are descendants of the Learians is a hotly debated topic. Some scientists scoff at the idea, whereas others, like myself, feel very strongly that it holds true" Dr. Jeff said. In my experience, psychoanalysis is the best way to evaluate whether a person has Learian roots. Some of the clean signs that a person descended from the Learians are an inability to form coherent sentences, a homely appearance, and an astronomically high level of ignorance towards anything and everything."

US President George W. Bush has long been suspected of being a Learian descendant. As is Michael Jackson, Rosie O'Donnell, Jack Krist, Tie Domi, Paris Hilton, Mike Tyson, and Tom Green.

## ECSU Personals

It's no secret that a politician's life can be a lonely one. All those long hours spent toiling over that next campaign speech, planning that next pub event, or watching the latest episode of Strongbad leaves very little time for love. For all the hard work and dedication that the Erindale College Student Union puts into the UTM campus and community, you might expect potential suitors to be banging on the glass walls of their office. Sadly, this is not the case. Eligible bachelors and bachelorettes at UTM are too busy studying for tests, running between classes, or waiting in line for coffee to notice the lonely desperation that plagues their elected officials. Citizens of UTM, give back to those who have given you so much. Take a quick browse over the photos and profiles below. If you see one you like, say hello to them around campus Open your hearts and, if you are so inclined, you pants to this diverse grab-bag of loveable politicians we call ECSU.

Pooja - VP Adhoc



Hello Men! Everybody thinks I'm such a nice, sweet girl. That may be true, but the last thing I'm looking for in a guy is some sensitive loser. I'm into bad boys. Do you have a criminal record? Ever held up a bank? Can you crush a beer can on your forehead? Does the term 'hard work' mean running from the police instead of driving? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, I want to hear from you!

Some things that turn me on are piercings, tattoos, body mods, scars, stab wounds, embedded bullets, missing apendeges, welfare cheques, and mohawks.

My ultimate fantasy is to date a guy in a motorcycle gang. If this sounds like you, then I want to hop on your Harley and rumble off into the sunset!

Sean - VP Feeble



Greetings Earthlings! My name is Sean Luke Dickhard, and I am the captain of the Starship E.C.S.U. Erindale. The ongoing mission of me and my half-cyborg, half-human, half-alien crew is to fight for the freedom of students across the galaxy. If you are looking for adventure and are open to sci-fi role playing, I invite you on a journey like never before. Join me on my star ship as we battle Kingons, Raelians, Clones, and York students in a fight to the death, or my bedtime, whichever comes first.

Some things that I look for in a woman include fluency in alien languages, powers of the force, pointy ears, and ninja fighting skills.

You can contact me by calling my space phone at 1.24.^?w\_~\*~

Adil - Picadilly



For the last few years of my life, I have had relationships with both women and men. One thing was always constant, and that was that something was missing from both. I've finally realized what I have been doing wrong. I want the best of both worlds and now I know how to get it.

Are you a lonely transsexual? A shemale? A chick with a dick? Then baby you are for me! I find something really sexy about a woman with a man's equipment.

If we were to meet, I'd like to alternate our time between male and female activities. We'll bake cookies and repair vintage cars, go tanning and get into drunken bar fights...the best 'o both worlds. I'm tellin ya it's gonna be great, you'll see, just get in touch with me!

Jason - Special Child



Let me be perfectly honest...I am desperate. I have no standards whatsoever. I will date anyone or anything. I believe very strongly in equality, and as a result of this I won't discriminate against anyone who wants to go out with me. Are you a girl, guy, squirrel, tree, watermelon, bicycle, or stuffed teddy bear? If so, you may be the one I am looking for.

My longest relationship to date was with a blow-up doll I stole from S.E.C. We were in love and were even going to get married...until she blew up when I tried to slip the engagement ring on her finger. This loss hurt me very deeply, and it has taken me the last 18 years to regain my emotional stability. But my love for Jenna is in the past, and I am looking forward to a future with you...whoever or whatever you may be.

Kat - Carnie Coordinator



Hello out there in dating land! I'm not one for small talk, so I'll tell you just what I'm looking for. From my years working as a trapeze assistant in the circus, I dated a lot of different guys, but one kind in particular was always the best for me. That kind of guy is midgets, midgets, midgets!

I find something irresistible about a man of small stature. I'm looking to connect with small men of all kinds, be they midgets, dwarves, horse jockeys, Strongbads, pygmies, smurfs or otherwise.

It's funny, some people say that big things come in small packages. That is true, but from my experience, small guys carry with them some mighty big packages!

Oh and Minnie Me, if you're reading this, gimme a call babe!



# Fascinating study reveals benefits of sexual vigor

BY JAMES WALKER

## Lifting weights with your penis can improve sexual performance

With many males out there looking for the right amount of stamina during their interludes with their mates, researchers at Rock Hard University have found that resistance training for your penis can improve a variety of things such as stamina, size, and shape.

Project leader Dr. Hung Lo stated that doing "penis extensions" have improved sexual performance for 90 per cent out of a sample of 1200 males aged 12-19. Dr. Lo, who suffered from premature ejaculations his whole life, said that doing approximately 20-30 repetitions at low weight lengthened his penis and allowed him to increase his virility.

In another sample of males aged 45-92, Dr. Lo and his crack research team found that "penis curls" help develop that thick, short, stocky look that some males are interested in.

Dr. Lo recommends exercising your penis 3 times daily and suggests a "lateral penis swing" to keep it toned and limber. He is currently developing a workout regiment for males that will be endorsed by celebrities. Dr. Lo also is tending to the female population by compiling a pectoral perkiness program which guarantees 100 per cent customer satisfaction.

## New Study: How to Get Those Perfect Abs

A new study has concluded that consuming unusually large portions of food can cause you to develop a perfect six-pack. Up until now it was held that large

portions of food and overeating were among some of the causes of obesity. Now, however, the conductors of this study state that the internal stomach action created by eating actually strengthens and tones the abdominal muscles to give perfect definition. Health experts from all over the country have been seen flocking to fast food places like "Greasy McDonald's", "Mr. Kentucky's Dirty Birds", and "Goody Pizzas For All" in an effort to be the first to take advantage of this new trend. Economists predict that this discovery will revolutionize both the fitness and the restaurant industry.

## Physical Activity Blamed For Rise in Worker Apathy

The CEO of the American University for Sports Medicine (AUSM) said today in a press release that Physical Activity was the leading cause for worker apathy in Canada. He went on to say that "exercising makes people tired. That's all there is to it!" Recent surveys have indicated that a majority of people are tired after any kind of exertion, including walking. Based on these results, the Canadian Commission on Health and

Fitness is recommending that you do as little as possible to conserve energy for more important things. The Copper Workers Union of North America (CWUNA), reacting to a recent decrease in productivity, is imposing restrictions on exercise so that workers will have more time for real work. Additionally, the Federal Government is considering a bill that will shut down all so-called "Health Clubs", replace all sidewalks with movators, and generally restrict all unnecessary physical activity. It is hoped that

these measures will eventually cause the Canadian Dollar to become more powerful than the US Dollar, and eventually the British Pound.

## Having Sex Causes Muscle Deterioration

Doctor Jimmy Williker, a renowned physician and part time gynecologist with a PhD in sexercisology, has conducted a study examining the relationship between sex and exercise. Results of the study are the same for males and females, and indicate that every time the body experiences an orgasm, a certain quantity of muscle mass is consumed. The study examined all forms of sexual activity, and found that the results were the same regardless of the circumstances. Dr. Williker has suggested that anybody truly serious about bodybuilding or sport-specific training refrain from all types of sexual activity. He points out that for these individuals, sex is counterproductive, and suggests that anyone interested in seeking a cure for uncontrollable sexual urges should consider anti-depressants. Professor of Anthropology and History at the University of Etobicoke, Karen Makeitup, explains that the catabolism of muscles after orgasm is the result of natural selection—an evolutionary adaptation that allowed only the strongest individuals to have a good chance of reproducing. She points out that the weaker individuals in the community would only be able to engage in sexual activity a few times before their muscles atrophied and they fell victim to predators. She explains that the rise of the state allowed the weaker individuals in the community to flourish, and adds that this evolutionary characteristic in humans has become redundant.



photos/Ivana Tinkle

UTM fitness guru Jimmy 'Sexual Chocolate' Walker had a momentary breakdown and succumbed to his weakness of chocolate cake. Paparazzi swarmed the Walker residence and photographed these candid shots of Walker as he downed his third slice of cake in less than 30 seconds. Walker has since checked himself into rehab.

# Waterboyz repeat as ball hockey champs

BY MATTHEW CARRIER

This week saw the Penguins and the Waterboyz go head to head, in a winner take all match for the Division 1 title. The Waterboyz are the defending champions and have high hopes of repeating. The Penguins on the other hand, have been under-estimated all year, and plan on dethroning the undefeated Waterboyz. The Penguins started out at a disadvantage as they had three fewer players than the Waterboyz.

With the stand packed to capacity with eager fans, the ball dropped on the opening face off. The Waterboyz went straight on to the offensive. The game got off to a rough start, and both teams got heavily penalized. There wasn't much 3 on 3 action during the first half, which saw both goalie keep the other team's scorers pointless. The Penguins were hit the hardest as one of their top players, Ravi Bhardwaj, was ejected from the game, barely 5 minutes in, for getting three minor penalties. With their bench shortened once again, the penguins needed to save their energy as anyone could see that this game was going to be difficult. The shots seemed to be one sided as the Waterboyz fed shot after shot on Amelio Malozzi, but the Penguins weren't without their chances. With well over 30 minutes of penalties called in the first half, it's a demonstration of how well the goaltenders played. The first half ended in a 1-1 tie.

The second half started just as the first did, with a lot of intensity and the

Waterboyz on the offensive. But once again, Amelio Malozzi was there for the penguins. The Penguins were first to strike early in the second half. That was the momentum breaker for the Waterboyz as they now were down and the penguins were pressing for another. They didn't have to wait long. The Penguins went up 2-0 as a quick goal, by Martin Warych, put the Penguins in a good position to win. With time winding down, and the pressure building the Waterboyz had nothing to lose. They went on a full out offensive, which proved to be an intelligent move. With about 6 minutes left in the game Eddie Jurinic put the Waterboyz on the board, and within one of the Penguins. This game was shaping up just like the regular season game between these two teams. In

that game, the Penguins were up 2-1 late in the second half and the Waterboyz managed to tie it up for a 2-2 draw. With exactly three minutes left in the game, the Waterboyz got a penalty. This seemed to be the end of their championship hopes, but the Penguins got an unsportsmanlike penalty to even it. With the time getting to the critical mark, the Waterboyz decided to pull their goalie for the extra attack. The Penguins played this situation well, but with less than a minute left in regulation time the Waterboyz went down the left side and scored the tying goal. The Penguins would sit

quietly, as they pushed for the winning goal once again. They were unsuccessful, and the game ended in a tie. Only five minutes of overtime was all that kept this game from going into a shoot-out. With both teams tired and beaten, they once again lined up for the opening face-off. The game winning goal came just 13 seconds into the extra period. It was the Waterboyz offensive strike that won them the game, and successfully defended their title. It's a fitting end to a tremendous season.

Now that a division 1 and 2 champion has been crowned, it's time for the first ever div. one vs. div. two showdown. There has always been some tension between the two divisions. It is now the time to see if the divisions are really that different. This year, both champions have



photo/Jack Krist

Waterboyz show off their championship trophy as they defeated the Penguins 3-2 in OT.

## Perfect season?

BY ROHIT SETHI

It was a workshop on how to beat a zone in the first half as the UTM Eagles flew past Law. The Eagles were unstoppable as they didn't appear to miss one shot against the 2-3 zone. Don Lee Pow had an outstanding performance as he went on to be the leading scorer of the night with 21 points and four 3's in the first half. UTM as a team hit seven 3's in the first half.

It was a good semi-final game against Law with a final score of 79-68. The Eagles are now in the finals and are looking for the support everyone can offer. So come out and support the team, pretend it is the ball hockey finals and help fill the stands. Game time is at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30 at UTM.

gone undefeated, but it is the division 2 champions that have a perfect record, as they won every game they played. The Waterboyz have won all their games except for one tie. The Whalers, division 2 champions, are on a hot streak as they haven't allowed a single goal during their championship run. The Waterboyz however have a deeper bench.

The goal of this game is to raise money for Big Brother's of Peel. This game may be for charity, but you can be sure that both teams will still want to win. This is caused by the belief that the Whalers should have been a division 1 team all along. So to see the clash of champions and to help out a good cause, come attend the game on Tuesday at 2 p.m. There is a \$1 entrance fee, but it is well worth it. The game follows the div. 2 all-star game and precedes the div. 1 game all-star game.

## The benefits of rowing

BY JUSTIN WOOLSEY

Rowing is regarded as an excellent physical exercise. The physical aspects of rowing use a large percentage of the body's muscles. Rowing provides excellent muscle toning and muscle strengthening and development as part of an overall fitness regime.

It also provides good aerobic exercise assisting blood circulation and strong breathing development.

Rowing is the only Varsity sport

offered at UTM. After speaking with students, very few are unaware that UTM even has a team. On Wednesday, March 31, 2004 between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. the UTM Rowing Club will be holding an information session in the front of the South Building. The club will have a boat from the Don Rowing Club on display, a few rowing machines in operation and a video to give students a visual representation on what to expect as a rower.



# Campus 'Wanna-be Police' Reports

**February 30, 2020 @26:00** – A 90-year-old residence student in Phase 1400 was arrested and charged with lewd behavior, public indecency and public intoxication. The student stated that he was walking by the East Building and noticed a pumpkin on the ground. The student said he was overcome with ravenous desire. "A pumpkin is soft and squishy inside, and I didn't see any other students in sight," he told the wanna-be police officer. The student picked up the pumpkin, cut a hole in it, and proceeded to satisfy his alleged need. "It was an awkward situation," said Officer Peckerhead in an interview with The 2nd Large. "I walked up to the student just as he's working away at this pumpkin. I went up and said, 'Excuse me, but do you realize that you are screwing a pumpkin?' He was startled at first, then he looked me straight in the face and said, 'A pumpkin? Damn, is it midnight already?'"

**February 30, 2020 @99:00** –

Campus Wanna-be Police Officers were dispatched to Phase -9 after a male student decided to satisfy his fantasy of robotic love by seeking sexual gratification with his vacuum cleaner. The horny student didn't realize that the suction on his hand-held vacuum cleaner was created by a blade whirling just beneath the hose attachment, adjacent to the collection bag. His search for pleasure was cut short seconds after he stuck his penis into the vacuum and the blade lopped off part of his penis. Feeling a sense of loss, he reached for his cell phone and called Campus Wanna-be Police. Surgeons at Credit Hill Hospital stopped the bleeding, but were unable to reattach the ½" severed part. The student's ability to reproduce has been shortened by both his injury and this appetite for appliances.

**February 30, 2020 @54:00** – A female student called Campus Wanna-be Police Officers in distraught. She complained that she had been burnt in

a drug deal. The female student claimed that a classmate sold her a rock of cocaine, but when she brought it home it 'looked like a bag of icing sugar.' Campus Wanna-be Police called the police department's narcotics department. The bag of substance was tested and confirmed that it was indeed cocaine. The female student was arrested for drug possession. Police are encouraging anyone who thinks they may have been fooled into buying fake crack to please come forward.

**February 30, 2020 @400:00** – A male student who wanted to commit suicide brought a tank of propane into his residence at Phase 007. He opened the stopcock and waited to die. Campus Wanna-be Police report the student only lost consciousness. Six hours later he revived and forgetting the suicide attempt, lit a cigarette. The explosion blew out the windows in residence and burned the fact of the suicidal smoker.

# Drama students take over and set the stage for 2004/05 season

By Inga Biggins

In a sudden and unforeseen show of student power, several Theatre and Drama Studies (TDS) students took over the office of Patrick Young, who serves as both Program Coordinator and Artistic Director for the program. The incident occurred just last Friday and students promise a repeat of the event if there demands are not met.

"There are many things we want to change in the program!" exclaimed frustrated student Mick Johnner. "We need more free time so we don't fail our classes, more say it what shows we do, and more pay!" Currently, TDS students are not paid at all, have no say in Theatre Erindale's season line-up and have little to no free time. Although this is the same in any theatre program, students feel it is unfair.

"Other theatre programs are based in colleges where all the students are doing is theatre," explained Tricia Welden. "We have to do university level academics as well as the practical work required by our Sheridan college component. How will I ever get into grad school if I don't have time to keep my marks up?!"

Not all TDS students have grad school in mind, however; their complaint is largely about the plays chosen to showcase student talent every year. Many of the plays are older pieces and/or set in long ago times, which allows students to explore life and characters from other time periods.

"They are really just trying to get the blue-hairs into the audience," said Leanna Wovebell. "So there are lots of old rich people around here; so what? That doesn't mean you can only do boring old plays or adapted literary works!"

"In the professional world, unless you're at Stratford or Shaw, you'll be doing contemporary theatre," said Cathy Denishawn. "I'm not saying give up the classics entirely, but we need the focus to shift if we want our graduates to be prepared for the real world."

"And when we do classics, they should be Shakespeare!" added Adra Protter. "There has never been, nor will there ever be a playwright of equal skill. The Bard is the best!"

Young was not in his office when the students took it over, and could not be reached for comment, as he was not in his office to answer his phone. Unfortunately, his voicemail box was full and no message could be left.

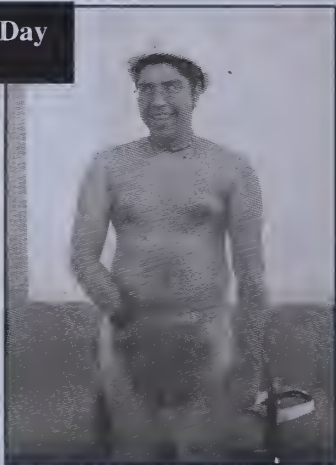
"Oh yeah, we flooded his voicemail with reasons we would be late for classes next week," said Carrie Johnston, obviously trying to suppress her laughter. "We also left a few suggestions on what plays to do next season."

Among the suggested works are *No Exit*, *Damnée Manon*, *Sacrée Sandra*, "the play I'm going to write this summer about university theatre students," *The Elephant Tribe* (collective creation based on *The White Bone*), anything by Shakespeare, and *Debbie Does Dallas: The Musical!*

## The 'Large' of the Day

No, he's not trying out as the sixth member of the Village People.

This 'hunka hunka burning love' was spotted in the Student Centre last Friday performing a rendition of MC Hammer's 'You Can't Touch This.' As you've already guessed, there's really nothing there to touch!



A female by-stander told the *2nd Large* that female pop-sensation Janet Jackson stormed into the Student Centre and ripped off this poor lad's clothing, in retaliation to Justin Timberlake's titilating act at the Super Bowl half time show.

The *2nd Large* does not confirm nor deny these allegations.



## what does ECSU do?

*That's a very good question. We wish we knew.*

### ECSU Elections



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